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Along with all of our Texas people, we are deeply grieved by the death of Mr. J. W. H. H. of Fort Worth. He was one of the strong pastors of Texas, and will be greatly missed by his people and the denomination of the State. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved family.



### The Joy of Salvation Restored.

Please permit these personal religious reminiscences, as I relate them for the glory of His gracious name.

When I was a Confederate soldier boy and during the third year of the war, I became a backslider in Zion, resulting from neglect of the Bible, of prayer, of meditation, of the preached gospel, of duty. I did not cease to trust in Christ nor loose my hope in him, although these graces became weak and faint. I did not wander into the ways of immorality nor disgrace the Christian profession before men for which I thank God to this day, but I was a miserable backslider in heart. It is needless to say that I had no spirit of prayer for my unconverted comrades nor heartfelt desire to lead them to Jesus, nor that I was unhappy and worthless. Ah, me! those were sad and gloomy days, but they were not without lessons of instruction. I learned from experience that the backslider is as one who walks in his sleep, and that backslidings result from neglect of the means of grace, and that a backslider is wholly unfit for Christian service, and that he is unhappy and doubtful of his acceptance with God, and that one may be a miserable backslider in heart and not depart from the path of morality nor dishonor the Christian profession before men. I learned too, that the religion of Christ is a religion of feeling, of emotion, as well as a religion of faith, and that "faith works by love and purifies the heart." I also learned from experience, the way of restoration of a backslider. Of course the way is taught in the Bible, but it is found experimentally by those who pursue the Bible way.

I remained in the sad condition referred to, for a long time, but a change came by and by as it always does with those who have at some time in life, experienced the pardoning love of God and rejoiced in Christ Jesus; for the principles of holiness wrought in the heart in regeneration will abide there, for they are immortal and will assert their supremacy over the flesh through the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

A revival meeting was being conducted by our chaplains and as formerly with me, I was in a spiritual stupor, when on a sudden my backslidings reproved me; and when I thought on my ways and how I had treated my dear Lord, my conscience was stung and I was brought to heartfelt repentance. We were marched out to an old field for drilling exercises, but I was in so much distress of soul that I asked permission to step out of ranks, which was granted me, and looking around, I saw a piece of woodland to which I hastened and arriving there, I fell upon the ground and cried to God for mercy, for pardon, for the restoration of the joy of His salvation, etc. Yea, I cried out to God and He heard me out of His holy hill. "I know not how long I prayed in agony of soul and made supplications, but my burden removed and with face and eyes wet with tears, I returned to camp, and from that time forward, my experience is indescribable. Oh, the precious name of Jesus! how sweet, and how warmly I embraced my fellow Christians, and went out in desire for the salvation of the lost! To pray was delight, to sing was rapture.

His Word was "sweeter than honey and the honey comb," to meditate on holy things was heaven. And all along the way of soldier life for months, whether upon the weary march or in bivouac or upon the field of carnage, the peace of Christ that passeth understanding filled my soul. He restored unto me the joy of His salvation and upheld me with His freespirt, and I was ready for service.

I had reason to rejoice in the belief that within three weeks after the restoration of joy, I had been instrumental in the conversion of at least two precious souls—there may have been more. God knows. One of the two was a man advanced in years and growing gray in the service of sin, who took me by the arm and with much emotion said, "my dear boy, I want you to know that you have been instrumental in my salvation." Another was a poor Irish Catholic orphan boy whose conversion was so remarkable that it was photographed upon my mind and heart. How he cried audibly unto God for mercy as a poor lost sinner, and how he finally rejoiced audibly with the consciousness of pardoning love, and how he clung to me, and with a look of gratitude seemed to say, "I love you Oscar. God bless you Oscar," and how happy he continued until during a desperate charge, he fell within a few feet of me, pierced through the brain. All, all, this has followed me in memory, and I say it, that after thirty-three years have lapsed, I am happy when contemplating the joy I experienced in winning souls to God after that long night of spiritual death and gloom. And when at times during past years, I have been cast down in soul, I have remembered the Lord, who heard "my voice, and my supplications," and therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

In conclusion, I desire to say to any backslidden Christian, who may read these lines, that the way back to the feet of the dear One from whom you have wandered, is found in earnest prayer: "He will be found of thee in the day that thou seekest Him with thy whole heart."

Soul-winning should be the business of our redeemed lives, but no backslider is in condition to engage in that delightful service. In order to succeed we must walk close with God and be in touch with the warm, loving heart of Jesus, through whom we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, through whose power we teach and quicken the cold, dead hearts of sinners. Who can measure the unspeakable joy which is experienced in winning a soul to Christ? There is no work that pays so well, or that lasts so long. Prepare us, Oh Lord, to do the work thou hast given us to do; and to the Triune God we will give ever-lasting praises. Amen!

O. D. BOWEN.  
Ellisville, Miss.

**He Lives and Reigns.**

DEAR RECORD:—Your grief mislaid you. Lewis Ball isn't dead. He has gone home to his Father's house. He lives and

City. They will never be effaced. His (to me) almost matchless voice will echo the gospel message in Mississippi to the latest generation. He was an unassuming prince among men, without a stain on his fair name and character. He was my Moses from childhood. Multiplied thousands will yet follow his counsels and reach the Celestial City. Seed sown by his skillful, Christly spirit and hand are yet to bring forth an abundant harvest. This must be, according to promise. All things considered, no greater man ever honored Mississippi with his presence and service. The most honored soil in your commonwealth is that that holds in its embrace his manly form. Do I see through partial eyes? He and father were a reproduction of David and Jonathan. He was blessed mother's delight. His influence is like the dew of heaven on my own life and character. It is fully confessed, my love for him was limited only by my capacity to love, as deathless as the gospel he preached, as sweet as he was noble. Though in tears, I rejoice that he waits up yonder for my coming into the city.

J. H. GAMBRELL.  
Greensboro, Ga.

**The Memorial Gavel of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.**

DEAR RECORD:—Will you, the grand old organ of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the last twenty years, and the present and greatly improved organ of the same, be so kind as to give to your numerous readers, the enclosed very beautiful and elegant memorial "Gavel Address" of Dr. J. A. Hackett, your senior editor, delivered before the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the city of Jackson on June 15, 1876. This address will doubtless prove to be good reading to the many thousands of families in Mississippi and in other States that you visit weekly, to that great joy and delight, and especially to the younger members thereof that "knew not Joseph." This gavel has been wielded by the following able and distinguished presidents of this Baptist body, and able parliamentarians, viz: Dr. M. P. Lowrey two years, Dr. J. T. Freeman two years, Hon. W. H. Hardy six years, Hon. J. G. Hall four years, Dr. W. S. Webb three years, and Dr. A. A. Lomax, the present president, four years.

Your true friend,  
J. R. FARISH.

Brother President:—

"With your permission I will call the attention of this body to a passage in the early history of the Baptists of Mississippi, and offer you a memorial of the times. Last winter, I, in company with Elder S. Buffkin, Bro. C. C. Nauck and others, stood, with heads uncovered, by the grave of Richard Curtis, Jr.; the first Baptist preacher that ever proclaimed the glorious gospel of the beloved God in the unbroken forests of Mississippi.

This man, in 1780, along with other members of his family, in order to escape the cruelties of the Spaniards, fled from the earth's pains, cares and disappointments, and never die. Again and again his tender, brave voice echoed Paul's ones on pack horses and made saying, "Death is swallowed up in victory." He is enjoying the victory. Thank God for the restoration of the lost! To pray was delight, to sing was rapture.

the Natchez country. After weeks of wearisome toil and no little fighting with hostile Indians, they reached the mouth of Coles Creek, twenty miles above Natchez, on the Mississippi river. Here they landed, penetrated the wilderness a short distance, and effected a settlement.

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The Natchez Country being at that time under the dominion of Spain and the Catholic religion being dominant, and as usual intolerant, Curtis soon became obnoxious, was arrested and thrown in prison in Fort Rosalie, the ruins of which are still visible on the bluff a little below the city of Natchez. After a while his release was effected by his promising not to preach publicly to congregations, accompanied with the threat that if he

be banished to Mexico, there to die in the silver mines, for life. This good man kept his promise, not to preach publicly to congregations, but could not refrain from fireside preaching and holding prayer meetings from house to house. About this time an event occurred which brought down the wrath of the intolerant bigots upon the devoted heads of Bro. Curtis and his little flock.

A young couple desired to be united in wedlock—they were unwilling to employ the services either of the Priests or Spanish authorities. So they procured the necessary legal permit, and because of no one's willingness to run the risk of persecution by permitting the use of his house, they assembled with a party of mutual friends under the spreading branches of a friendly oak, and there by the light of pine torches, Richard Curtis celebrated, for the first time on Mississippi soil, the rites of matrimony in other than papal forms. This, as stated, provoked the wrath of the Spaniards, and a posse was at once sent out to arrest the offending Baptist preacher, but he providentially made his escape in company with a Mr. Hamberlin and Stephen De Alvo, whom he had baptized and who were also obnoxious to the authorities.

They evaded their pursuers, and secreted themselves near where Port Gibson now stands, to await results. It was soon found that they must leave the country, or they and the whole settlement would suffer.

The venom and vigilance of the Catholics were so great that no man was found who would undertake to convey the fugitives the necessary outfit for a long journey, until a lady, Mrs. Chloe Holt, full of faith and courage, undertook the hazardous task.

Suitably dressed and mounted, a la cavalier, with horses and provisions for the fugitives, he braved the dangers not only of the cruel Spaniards, but of the wilderness, delivered them to her friends, gave them her blessing, and sent them away. Mr. Curtis and his friends made their way back to the United States, where they remained until the hands of the United States government, and the Spaniards driven out. In the meantime, Mr. Curtis was ordained to the full work of the ministry, and has become quite a preacher.

He now bent his steps towards West Point, Miss., Dec. 4, 1876.

**From West Point.**

EDITOR RECORD:—A word as to the prosperity of the First Baptist church here.

Last Sunday morning the congregation that gathered to hear the pastor, Rev. Oscar Haywood, could not be seated, even after the aisles had been filled with chairs. From gallery to pulpit all available space was occupied. The pastor delivered a discourse upon the sermon of Jesus in Nazareth; considering, 1st. The Preacher and his congregation; 2nd. The sermon and its doctrines, viz: immortality, sacredness of the body, sinfulness of man, and man's Redeemer; 3rd. The influence of the preacher on our time. For three quarters of an hour the attention was unbroken and in

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A great deal may be done in getting the young folks to read the Bible aloud. The passage to be discussed may be read through, each reading a verse or more, discussing the subject at intervals, or at the close of the reading. Care should be taken to have them read with intelligence and force.

There is much that occurs to me that might be written, but the question is more of a study than otherwise to me. I have simply put down some things which I have tried to put into practice, but do not feel that I have solved the problem: How to develop Christian young men and boys. Will not other pastors give us the benefit of their thoughts on this subject?

Yours for the young men and boys,  
J. K. PACE.  
Hazlehurst, Miss.

**Baptist Bishops at Looxahoma.**

DEAR RECORD:—The winds blew, the rains descended, the sleet fell, and the cold reared, but a goodly number of the bishops of the Coldwater Association, Baptist-like, defied the elements and "persecuted the saints" at Looxahoma for several days, in the "capacity" of a Fifth Sunday Meeting. But the saints after a good send-off in a thoughtful and very stimulating sermon from the Master's final promise, "Lo, I am with you always." This writer discussed this question, "Is a separate organization, such as the Baptist Young People's Union, necessary to develop the talent of our young people?" taking a negative view, with which all the brethren seemingly agreed.

Brother W. M. Farmer and A. G. Perry told us in no uncertain tones "what ought to be done with a member who habitually refuses to partake of the Lord's Supper." The conclusion reached was, that our churches should not neglect the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, but that one who is not a member should be made a member before he is admitted to the table.

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## OUR FIELD GLASS.

The papers announced that Dr. J. B. Gambrell reconsiders and will accept the secretaryship of the mission work in Texas. We trust the blessing of the Lord will rest upon the work of Texas Baptists during the coming year. It is announced that Dr. E. E. King, after a pleasant and successful pastorate of six years, has resigned the care of the First Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas, to take effect not later than March 1. Regretfully the people of the Alamo City accept the resignation. Dr. J. Morgan Wells, one of the leading pastors of Texas, of the Fort Worth church, recently felt his post and went up to receive his reward. He will be greatly missed in Texas and in the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. A. C. Watkins, an ex-Mississippian, our missionary at Parras, Mexico, has just made a brief visit to relatives in our State and to relatives of Sister Watkins in Indiana.

pleasure to know he is succeeding in his work of preaching the gospel in Mexico. Our Senato-bia people have just enjoyed the treat of having Dr. John D. Jordan with us, and of hearing him speak enthusiastically of his great work in the interest of our young people. We greatly enjoyed his visit and talk, and hope to have him with us again at some time. With the co-operation of the churches in the Southern States, the doctor will accomplish a great work in his special line. Later he was at the young people's rally in Winona, which we regret being unable to attend. Every church which can, should secure a visit from Bro. Jordan while he is in the State. We asked him what he thought of our new gas-lights in the church, and he said, "They are just splendid." By the courtesy of the I. C. and L. & N. Rail-ways, we made a brief business trip to Cincinnati. On the way it was a pleasure to meet Dr. Kerfoot on the train returning from the South Carolina Convention. He reported an excellent time in South Carolina and a collection of more than \$1000 for the student's fund. We promised to stop over a day in Louisville, but feeling unwell and having a presentiment to return immediately, we did not stop in Louisville. On reaching home it was a great shock and a blinding grief to meet a telegram, saying our aged and loved mother had been suddenly called to the better world. Leaving on next train, we found in Starkville brothers and sisters overwhelmed in grief. In tears and in great sorrow, from a home from which the light has gone out, we write these lines. Seventy-three years of age, all of her life a consecrated and pious Christian, our loss is her gain. But, ah, as we go through the old home, and in the church where she loved to worship, and remember that mother is gone, how the heart bleeds! We cannot but grieve with the other loved ones. It is a sad comfort to know that the whole community grieves with us, as she has lived here in Starkville for thirty-five years, and none knew her but to love her. It is almost heart-breaking that we could not have the privilege of speaking to her once more before her departure, but the summons was sudden to us. We find that each one of

for the golden wedding of Deacon C. A. Hogan and wife on Dec. 17. Bro. Hogan is the senior deacon in the Starkville Baptist church and is one of the earliest friends of our boyhood. We congratulate them on the unusual experience of fifty years of married life. While in Cincinnati we spent a short time very pleasantly with Dr. G. W. Lasher, and Bro. Osborn, of the Journal and Messenger, which is one of the nearest and best of our exchanges. Dr. Lasher has recently been criticizing the loose theology of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" by Ian McClaren, which has had such a wide sale of late. His criticisms are just, we think. The Jews are becoming quite strong in the United States. There are elements which will be felt in the future of our country. The Jewish women have organized, for the restoration and perpetuation, in our country, of the distinctive features of the Jewish religion, especially the revival of the Jewish Sabbath. On the

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Dr. A. B. MacCurdy, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has gratified us no little by sending us a copy of the Baptist Convention Minutes of that State, together with those of the Ministerial Union and Young People's Union. It shows up well for the people of the far West in all manner of good work. It contains excellent pictures of many of the prominent workers, one of the best looking of which is that of our friend. We shall not cease to regret his leaving us, and none know her but to love her. It is almost heart-breaking that we could not have the privilege of speaking to her once more before her departure, but the summons was sudden to us. We find that each one of

## Foreign Mission Contributions in Mississippi.

The December number of the Journal in 1898, shows \$1558.62 received from Mississippi to that date. The December number for 1899, shows \$2993.36, an increase of \$1434.74. It will be remembered, however, that one thousand dollars of this amount was given before the Convention year closed, leaving \$434.74 as the amount of increase to date. The Board asks us for seven thousand dollars, and with the start that we have, nearly one-half the full amount, let no one disparage our being able to reach these figures. Foreign mission quarter is at hand. Let there be a giving up of the loins on the part of our people. Make ready for an earnest, determined effort, early in the next quarter. Let the pastors make ready for a strong presentation of the facts attending our foreign missions. Tell who the men and women are who represent us on the fields; tell of their labors, their blessings attending

to Starkville we met Rev. R. A. Cooper and Prof. B. G. Lowrey en route for the Winona B. Y. P. U. meeting. We are pained to hear of the affliction of Bro. Booth Lowrey. His little girl who was so severely burned three weeks ago has just died. May the parents have grace to help in time of need. Orphanage receipts for the past week are: Fellowship church, H. W. Lantrip, \$15.20; Della Till, Lee (from sale of chickens), \$2.40; Mrs. Sarah Bolls, Rodney, \$1.50; Mrs. M. P. Moore, Senatobia, \$5; amount from E. E. Thornton, Water Valley, \$25; Bogue Chitto church, J. A. Scarborough, \$1; by John Thompson, New Albany, \$5.90 (viz: Mrs. J. T. Stephens, \$1; Mrs. R. R. Williamson, 65c; S. D. Owen, 50c; Mrs. Mattie Bratton, \$1; T. A. Fitzpatrick, 50c; L. R. Kennedy, \$1.15; J. T. Baker, \$1); Dr. D. F. Owen, Okolona, \$5; Okolona church, W. J. Derrick, \$14.10; Mulberry church, J. P. Thompson, \$9; Bethany church, J. P. T. \$2.45; friends at Friars Point, Mrs. A. M. Quinn, \$6.00; A. J. Love and Mrs. Sallie Love, Durant, \$20; Coldwater Sunday School, Dr. J. T. L. Cate, \$8.15; Duck Hill L. M. S., Miss Lula H. Doty, \$3; Wesson church, Geo. W. Watson, treasurer, \$6; Learned church, P. A. Haman, \$3.40; friends, by Mrs. Nellie Sisk, Taylors, \$7.15; Mrs. Nellie H. Drane, Loves, \$1. Total this week \$147.15. May blessings be upon the givers and their gifts. Last week Beulah church at Brownsville was credited with \$1.05. It should have been \$11.05 (a mistake of ten dollars). It was right on treasurer's books. We regret the mistake.

OUR Forest church closes a fairly good year's work with a sad reflection—that is, that we are soon to lose some of our best people, Sister Lowry, Misses Lizzie and Mad, and Edgar and his family. They will go to Southwest Texas, where they hope to find both health and business conditions more favorable than where they are, and more particularly the former. Bro. Percy and his household alone remain to represent the family and keep up their noble prestige. The change will be a sad one, and to us probably more than to any one else. We have known and loved them for twenty-seven years, and for nine years, while we have been visiting Forest once every month, we have always found a cordial welcome and restful home beneath their hospitable roof. Bro. W. W. Lowry, the head and father of the family, was one of the Lord's noblemen, whose pleasure it was liberally to promote the Master's cause in his community, and in the regions beyond; and Sister Lowry, the excellent wife and mother, who always seconded his earnest efforts, and his sons and daughters have fully sustained the character he set for them. They will be greatly missed in our little church in Forest, but we have no doubt they will glorify the Master elsewhere as they have ever done with us. Our best wishes and prayers will go with them to their new home for their best welfare in both soul and material prosperity, and for their health and happiness.

We gratefully acknowledge an invitation to be present on the following note, and wish our young friends, in advance, an ocean of bliss in their new and blessed relations. Mrs. W. T. Parker requests that the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary U. McCormick, Wednesday evening, December 23, 8 o'clock, at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist

## Several Things.

DEAR RECORD:—Others have spoken favorably of your "new style," and being friendly to you and THE RECORD, I wish to speak a word in your pages in your behalf, and to your readers a word concerning my work this year.

I think your new dress fits very nicely, and is so convenient. It's no trouble to turn, after reading the editorials, to the "Chronicles," where good things are always said, and then to the "Field Glass," and on to the "W. M. U. Department," which I think is being well conducted by its new editor; then on to the "Obituaries," and last but not least, comes the "Wedding Bells," which brings joy to the heart of the friend, but woe to the defeated rival, if there should be any.

All along upon the surface of the "new dress" is found the rich discussions of the great Truths of God's Word, and newsy letters from differ-

ent vineyard, from those who are struggling in the midst of opposition, coming in contact often with "false doctrine," and those who would deceive even "the elect," if possible. These discussions and letters are food for the soul, if read and thought upon as they should be. Let us, one and all who take the paper, read them, and speak of the good things said to others, and insist upon their taking the paper.

My work through the summer was a very pleasant work. I had the pleasure of being in several special meetings with different brethren, all of which I thought were good meetings. One thing strikes me very forcibly, and that is this: All the reports that I have noticed in THE RECORD and other papers about the meetings this year, are good. Brethren, this should make us rejoice, and more determined to work and win victories for the Master, who will bless our labors, and give us success and "souls for our hire."

Just after my summer's work was done, I was called upon to pass through the greatest trial of my life, that of giving up my mother—a boy's best friend. Four long weeks I was by her side day and night, with physician, brother, sisters and friends, trying to give her relief from the dread disease of paralysis, but all in vain. In spite of all that was done to keep her with us, the dear, sweet soul went home to God. Oh, how hard it was to give her up, because we loved her so. As expressive of my love for her, I submit the following verses:

Where Love builds his home, dear,  
Where his steps incline,  
Rory east or west, dear,  
That sweet home be thine.  
That sweet home be thine,  
Where dwells the May—  
That sweet home be thine.  
Where Love reaps the bloom, dear,  
Where his bright stars shine,  
Sheltered from the gloom there,  
That sweet home be thine.  
That sweet home be thine,  
Love's endless home—  
That sweet home be thine.  
And still for thee the light, dear,  
That light which shall be mine;  
And thank God for the night, dear,  
If morning's rose be thine.  
And Love's dear home,  
The eternal home—  
And Love's dear home be thine.  
No one who has not had the trial could know, or if we planned, how hard it was to give up a loving mother. And just here I wish to say a word to the boys. Boys, love and honor your mother, and prove to her

way that you can, and it will cheer her heart and cause her to love you more. It will not be long, at best, till she will be gone, and then if you have mistreated her, you will regret it. Kiss her cheeks when faded with age, as well as when they are rosy with health. Then she will smile on you and return them with deepest love. But if you wait till she is cold in death, she cannot know your love, nor return your caresses. Too many aged mothers sit weeping and waiting for that boy to come home who has not looked into the face of the one that loves him best of all in this world, for months or years. And many of them go down to the lonely grave without ever seeing that one for whom she has been looking and praying for these many years; all because the boy did not love her as he ought. I believe that God will bring sorrow to the son who will thus do, let him be old or young, because He has taught him better in His Word, where He says, "Children, honor your father and mother."

Again, "Honor thy father and thy mother." No one can do this as he should, and willfully stay away from them. Brethren in the ministry, I think it would be well to call attention to these things occasionally, for the sake of those who hold the rein of all true progress in the world—the mothers.

And now may THE RECORD greatly prosper in its good work, and all of us go forward in good deeds through this cold winter that is now at hand, in my prayer. Respectfully,  
A. J. ROGERS.

It seems to us that our people need now, probably more than ever before, to take on new and additional interest in behalf of our foreign mission work. There never were so many open doors and accessible people as now. The whole world seems to be sounding out the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Then, our Foreign Mission Board never was more in need of means to settle up old scores with the missionaries now on the field, and to send others to occupy the new territory the Lord is opening to us. We hope if any one failed to read the appeal of the committee of the Virginia General Association on this subject in last week's RECORD, they will turn back to it and read it now; in fact, it would pay well for all who have read it, to read it again. Then, be sure to read the ringing article of our brother, J. K. Pace, vice-president, in this issue of the paper, on the same subject; and then, brethren, resolve to act upon those suggestions, and see to it that all the collections possible be taken, that all of our people have a chance to give, and the proceeds sent up to our waiting and anxious Board, so that they may push on the work even to the uttermost ends of the earth. Let these collections be both cheerful and liberal, for "the Lord loves a cheerful giver," and "the liberal soul shall be fat."

WANTED—Several faithful men or women to travel for responsible house in Mississippi. Salary \$750 and expenses. Position permanent. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National Star Insurance Building, Chicago.

WANTED—A bona fide man, experienced and competent. Small salary. References. Address "B. S." care BAPTIST

## To the Baptists of Mississippi.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—I hope you may not be wearied by my continual calling upon you in the interest of a great cause. A short time ago I appealed to you, through your pastors, to take a collection during the month of December for foreign missions. You have seen by an article in this paper of last week, addressed "To the Baptist Churches of the Southern Baptist Convention," by the General Association of Virginia, that I am by no means alone in my anxiety for this work of our Master. I most cordially endorse the address of the brethren of our sister State, Virginia, and beg you to give this matter your immediate and prayerful attention. In some instances the contributions may be necessarily small, but those who are able and willing, can make large gifts, so that the average per member may not be less than one dollar. Let us aim to do this.

You and I have much to be thankful for, and there is no better way to express our gratitude to God than by relieving our Mission Board in Richmond of the awfully depressing debt. If the Baptists of the South will move together in this matter, we shall attain a glorious success. Resolutions alone will do no good. Resolutions, prayers, and gifts are absolutely necessary to lift the debt and carry forward the work of saving men in heathen darkness from sin.

The hearts of the pastors of Mississippi, as a rule, are in the work of missions, and they are ready to lead the people if they will follow. Letters are coming to me daily from pastors who say they will do their best for foreign missions this month. If the church members will do their best in praying and contributing, the pastors and churches will rejoice together.

Read over what the Virginia brethren have said, and what the editors in this and last RECORD say, and prepare to make your contributions to the immediate relief of foreign missions.

In the love of Christ Jesus,  
Your Brother,  
J. K. PACE,  
Vice-President of Foreign Mission Board.

THE Presbyterians say that immersion is not baptism and refuse to practice it; therefore, they have no New Testament baptism. Having no New Testament baptism, they have no New Testament church; and if they have no New Testament church they have no "pillar and ground of the truth." Why, then, should they fall out with Baptists because we will not commune with them?

## Gracia.

The Indianola Baptist church held a thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 26. After the sermon, by Pastor R. M. Richardson, a contribution was taken for benevolent purposes, and Deacons G. B. Williams and W. N. Carter were appointed a committee to complete the work. They raised and turned over to the poor \$40.75, and three loads of coal. The church has made great progress in helping others less fortunate in life. This church is in a splendid spiritual condition. Peace abounds, harmony prevails, and God is glorified.

## Bro. L. Ball.

I was made sad when I read the announcement of the death of this good man. Among all the preachers in Mississippi there was none greater as a man or as a preacher. It was my pleasure to be intimately associated with him one year in the Mississippi swamp, while I was pastor at Leland and Glen Allen. It was my first work and he was a father to me in giving counsel with reference to my work. I have before me at this writing an old letter he wrote me on the 2nd of January '90 in which he outlined the work he wanted us to do that year. It is full of the best advice with reference to the work. It shows his spirit of self-sacrifice which was always a marked characteristic with him.

During that year he and I were together a great deal, and I do not remember a time in all my meetings when he did not assist me in studying some of the cardinal doctrines of the Bible. I used to submit to him

his sermon manuscripts, and he would correct the and show me everything which he thought was wrong. He did this as a father and not as a severe critic. I shall never cease to be glad that the first year of my work was with him.

He was great as a preacher, but I have often thought that he was greater in the home than in the pulpit. This is not said because I did not place a very high estimate on his ability in the pulpit but because of his still greater ability in the home.

Eternity alone can tell how much good he did in his visiting among the people. His visits among the people where I was pastor, were always looked upon as a benediction. May God's blessings rest on his family.

M. K. THORNTON,  
Marlin, Texas.

## Announcement.

Rev. M. T. Martin, of Chester, Miss., has been elected President of the Lawrence County High School and Business College, and has accepted the position. He will take charge of the School January 1, 1897. Besides the regular course now taught in the school, he will teach a special two months course (January and February) consisting of English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Book-keeping. Terms for this special course, \$5 per month. This institution is located at the town of Silver Creek, Lawrence county, one of the most healthy locations in the State. Good board will be furnished at \$8 per month. For further particulars, address

M. T. MARTIN,  
Silver Creek, Miss.

We commend Prof. Martin to the public as one of the most competent educators in our State. He was for a number of years professor of mathematics in Mississippi College at Clinton, where he displayed the highest order of talent, both as a scholar and teacher, and where he showed himself to be a thorough and well rounded out school man in all respects, to whose faithful labors much of the present prestige and success of that noble institution belongs. We have no idea that his acute mathematical mind and mastery of mathematics have lost any of their cunning by absence from the school room, and we doubt not, he will soon have one of the most flourishing schools in South Mississippi.

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## Complimentary.

We, your committee, appointed by the United Baptist churches, draft resolutions, report as follows:

Whereas, Rev. A. C. Ball has been pastor of this church for two years, and has baptized more members into our church than any pastor before, and now as his labors as such have drawn to a close, we having received

his resignation, therefore be it Resolved, That we part with Brother Ball with deep regret.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend him to any church where he may be called to labor, as a consecrated, humble Christian gentleman, and a pastor and preacher of the Word.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE BAPTIST RECORD and Baptist Layman for publication.

Done by order of the church in conference, December 6, 1896.

A. A. McPHERSON,  
W. T. STONE,  
Committee.

We are greatly grieved to learn of the death of the dear mother of our worthy associate, Bro. L. S. Foster. The Messenger came to her very suddenly on the morning of the 9th inst. at 4 o'clock, but found her as wise virgin, with her lamp trimmed and lighted, and ready for the summons. Our brother and the whole family have our profoundest sympathies and earnest prayers for the Divine consolations. We hope to publish some account of her good life soon.

## From Tippah Association.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—Our fifth Sunday meetings in November were not held on account of bad weather. As chairman of the executive board, I request that the programs be carried out at the same churches, embracing the fifth Sunday in January. In the meantime let pastors push collections and forward proceeds to Dr. A. V. Rowe at Winona, Miss.

Respectfully,  
W. K. BERRY.  
Blue Mountain, Miss.

## An Inquiry.

BRO. HACKETT:—At the last session of the Bethlehem Association, one brother came to me, handed me 10 cents, and requested me to send him a copy of our Minutes. I want to do so, but have forgotten who it was. I write this to ask him to send me his address and I will forward the Minute yet.

J. D. STONE, or Pastor at Union, gave us one of those sermons yesterday, which are natural for him. His text was Isa. 26:3. Fraternally,  
J. L. WILLIAMS.  
Dec. 10, 1896.

## DIED.

On Friday, November 6, 1896, Jehu, son of Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Watts, Leighton, Miss., at the age of 11 years, 10 months and 29 days. The much dreaded disease, hematuria, took him away after only a few days intense suffering. This was the third attack that he had had of this fatal disease, which was too much for his weak and frail constitution. Jehu had never been a strong, robust boy, but was full of life and boyish innocence. He was by nature a refined, dignified, manly boy, sweet of disposition and exceedingly pleasant to all visitors at the Watts home. The writer will always remember his sweet temper and rejoicing at seeing him on his monthly visits. He greatly enjoyed having us with him on a bird hunt or anything of that nature. He was always kind, untroubled and sweetly disposed. He was certainly one of the best and sweetest boys we ever knew. It will be gloomy, at best, for a long time in the home of

our dear brother without Jehu to greet us as in days gone by, but let us all gather comfort from the fact that he is better off in "The Home of the Soul." He realized the solemn truth that his time had come to leave all earthly friends behind. He called all the members of the family to his bedside to bid them his long adieu. When his papa came in tears to take the hand of his dying boy, he raised his little hand to his and said, "Good-bye, papa, I'm going home." That word will ever linger in the minds of both father and mother. He soon after breathed his last on earth, and his pure, innocent, spotless, perfect soul, took its

flight to the realms of light to be forever with the Lord. May God's richest blessings rest on the bereaved parents who are heart-broken after their lost jewel, Jehu. But "sorrow not as those who have no hope." You shall meet him bye and bye, never to part again. His remains were interred in the cemetery close to their home. Rev. W. T. Ashford conducted the services in a very appropriate way. After this was done all parted, leaving the remains there until the Resurrection morn.

Jehu now is home in heaven, With the angels and the blest, Praising God for life eternal And the home of perfect rest. Oh! how sweet and how melodious Is that voice of His above. In true harmony and pathos, Singing of Redemption's love. Good-bye, papa! God is calling. Angels sweetly beckon me; Cease your weeping, papa, dear, I shall soon be well and free From all pain, and sin, and sorrow. In that home of joy and light, With the angels and redeemed ones: In that world, there is no night.

Good-bye, brothers! Good-bye, sisters! Meet me on the other shore. Good-bye, mamma! You will meet me. And we'll part no never more— That will be a grand re-union. All at home with God above. To unite our dying voices For the Savior's glorying love.

"CYMRO."

Whereas, It has pleased our Lord to remove, by death, our beloved and highly esteemed brother, R. P. Kelly, July 30 last, be it Resolved, That this, the Sherman Baptist church, has lost a most worthy and useful member; and that the wife and children of the said brother, and our church and community, be honored and devoted Christian. Resolved, That we, the members of this church, do hereby

tender his beloved ones our heartfelt sympathy, and do bid them remember our sympathizing Lord who is able to help in every time of need.

J. Y. TUCKER,  
Mrs. D. C. LANGSTON,  
W. N. SWAIN, JR.,  
Committee.

Fannie Lee Wright was born November 12, 1867. She was a bright, cheerful Christian from early childhood, and was married to Thos. Pruitt, November 23, 1892, with whom she lived in happy wedlock until December 8, 1896, when the angel of death fled the convey which bore her sweet spirit to the bosom of God. Sister Pruitt leaves two darling babes and a weeping husband, together with father, mother and sister. To know "Tanny" was to love her. More perfect trust and resignation was never known. A sweet spirited saint has gone to rest. Her family lost a loved and lovely member. Her pastor lost a friend.

JAKE R. HODGES.

## Home Words.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—I suppose a renewal will correspond nicely with THE RECORD's new dress and style. Our cause is moving on finely in these parts. Ackerman church is without a pastor, but is corresponding with several good and strong men, and the vacancy caused by Bro. Hughey's resignation will be filled in the near future.

Yours lovingly,  
W. H. H. FANCHER.  
French Camp, Miss.

God bless you in your work. I think THE RECORD has improved so much.

T. A. J. BEASLEY.

In common with all Mississippi, I feel deeply the departure of that nobleman by nature and grace, Eld. Lewis Ball. He was the Caleb among his brethren. My father's friend and co-laborer. My father after the spirit and in the ministry; there lived no man on earth for whom I felt a profounder veneration. At his request, I will shortly prepare a notice of his life.

J. B. GAMBRELL.

## MARRIED.

Mr. Thad. S. Hastings and Miss Minnie D. Grey were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, in the presence of a large audience assembled in the Baptist church at West, Miss., on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m. The nuptials were consummated by their pastor, assisted by Rev. J. T. Ellis or Goodman, Miss.

May blessings and prosperity ever adorn their pathway through life.

A. C. BALL.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1896, at pastor's home, Lee, Miss., Mr. G. W. Foster and Mrs. Laura A. Cox, all of Jefferson county; H. W. Lantrip officiating. May the God of all love journey with these people through life, and finally get home to heaven. Bro. Foster is one of our pleasant and able deacons—Fellowship church. Mrs. Foster is a most excellent Christian lady.

H. W. L.

The C. S. Bell Co., of Hillsboro, Ohio, are selling their







